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Titled:	Methods for Detecting Pathogenic Agents		

**Mail Stop Amendment
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RESPONSE TO NON FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply are filed in response to a non-final office action mailed March 23, 2009, in the above-noted U.S. patent application.

Amendments to the Specification are shown on **page 2** of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on **page 3** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 6** of this paper.

A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment and Reply. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 227497/2002.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.